

NATIONAL FIGURE DIES IN CAPITAL

Funeral of J. W. Babcock to
Be Held Friday.

RULED AFFAIRS OF DISTRICT

Former Chairman of the House Committee on the District and Was in Close Touch with Conditions in Washington—Former Associates in Congress Will Pay Last Respect.

Funeral services for Joseph Weeks Babcock, former Representative in Congress from Wisconsin, who died yesterday, will be held at his residence Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Attended by his former associates in the House of Representatives, the body will be borne to Lee's crematorium.

Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., Chaplain of the House of Representatives, will officiate at the ceremonies and accompany the funeral cortege to the undertaking establishment.

Mr. Babcock had been ill for months, and had been confined to his bed with a complication of diseases for several weeks. Recently his physicians had hoped recovery, but he took a sudden turn Sunday and began to sink rapidly.

With him when he died, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, were all the members of his family except his wife, who is suffering from a nervous breakdown and is still confined to her room.

Friend of National Capital.
Regarded as an active champion of the National Capital, and distinguished by his ardent support of measures having for their object the furtherance of the city beautiful, Mr. Babcock had won a wide acquaintance in Washington.

As chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, he had earned the distinction of being one of the shrewdest politicians at the Capitol, incidentally achieving the election of a number of republican Congressmen.

Those who will serve as honorary pallbearers at the funeral are Vice President Sherman, Representative John A. T. Hull, of Iowa; W. A. Jones, former Commissioner of Indian Affairs; former Representative James E. Watson, of Indiana; former Representative Alexander Stewart, of Wisconsin; George C. Hazelton, Howard C. Reeside, and Henry Casson, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

The active pallbearers will be R. J. Jones, N. D. Farham, P. A. Gunther, George Fuller, J. J. Kuehling, and Benjamin Webster, all from Wisconsin.

In Close Touch with District.
Serving for six terms as chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, Mr. Babcock was brought intimately in touch with the movements for the improvement of the National Capital. He manifested a deep interest in all subjects pertaining to municipal improvement and worked diligently for the passage of bills before his board.

Among the projects that obtained his undivided support were the abolishment of grade crossings and the erection of the Union Station. Eminent a hard worker, he had the knack of smoothing the way in the House for his measures when they came up, and "District Day" was always prolific of results.

Although not an orator in the accepted term, he made heart-to-heart speeches explaining in a practical way the necessity for the passage of a bill which he deemed practical for the progress of Washington.

His defeat for re-election to the Sixtieth Congress by the opposition of the La Follette faction in Wisconsin caused general regret among the Republicans who recognized his services as a successful campaign manager.

Born in Vermont.
Joseph Weeks Babcock was born March 1, 1850, at Swanton, Vt. His parents were Ebenezer Wright and Mahala Weeks Babcock. His father was a farmer and manufacturer, who moved to Butler County, Iowa, while the son was a mere boy, and built up an extensive lumber business throughout the State.

Mr. Babcock traced his paternal ancestry back to the Pilgrims, and on his mother's side he was a descendant of Joseph Weeks, who was a member of Congress from Vermont in 1836.

After completing a public school education, he entered the preparatory department of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, but as he was impatient to earn his own livelihood he left school early and entered the employ of his father and several other firms in the lumber business.

In 1878 he bought an interest in a lumber company for which he had worked, and three years later, when the company was incorporated, Mr. Babcock became its secretary and active manager. As manager of this company he was brought into direct contact with many hundred workmen, and his faithful handling of them prevented the company ever becoming involved in a labor dispute.

Active in Politics.
In 1886 he moved to Necedah, Wis., where he at once took an active part in the political affairs of his community, allying himself with the Republican party.

Within two years he was elected a member of the Wisconsin assembly. He was re-elected for the next term, and at its expiration in 1892 was chosen to represent his district in Congress.

Mr. Babcock's record in Congress was brilliant. After he had served in the House of Representatives for one term, he was elected chairman of the Republican National Committee, and conducted the difficult campaign of 1894. He was re-elected to this important

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IN THE WASHINGTON HERALD'S VOTING CONTEST THIS BALLOT IS GOOD FOR

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This ballot replaces the Ten-Vote Coupon, which has been discontinued. The conditions remain unchanged, the only difference being in the number of votes this coupon represents. However, we ask that more care be taken in the clipping out and the filling in of the blanks. Write as plainly as possible, and do not forget to state from what district candidate is entered.

PLEADED HIS OWN CASE.

John G. Mason Sentenced for Murder of Alcoholic Inmate.

John G. Mason, who shot and killed Martin McCrossin, a fellow-inmate of the almshouse at Blue Plains, Md., withdrew his plea of not guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree and entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter.

Justice Gould, in Criminal Court No. 1, where the hearing was held, sentenced him to four years in the penitentiary. The aged defendant pleaded his own case, telling the court he was a member of the District bar and under no ban. The circumstances of the struggle in the dormitory of the almshouse which led to the firing of the fatal shot was told by Assistant United States Attorney Turner, who conducted the case for the government.

CHALLENGED TO DEBATE.

W. C. T. U. Would Discuss Temperance with Liquor Men.

Couched in conciliatory terms, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has issued a challenge to the liquor dealers of Washington to meet their representatives in a debate on temperance legislation. The Mercantile Association, through its president, has acknowledged the receipt of the letter, and has given his promise that the matter will be duly considered in the near future.

Judging from the attitude of both parties, the public oratorical contest will be a stellar feature of the anti-liquor campaign in the District.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

John Barton Miller's Trial Will Take Place in Fall.

The trial of John Barton Miller, former secretary-treasurer of the First Co-operative Building Association, of Georgetown, who pleaded not guilty before Justice Anderson, in Criminal Court No. 2, to a charge of destroying books and records of the association, will probably not begin until next fall.

Mr. Miller added to his plea of not guilty a proviso that he could withdraw it within twenty days, if so advised, and enter a demurrer to the indictment. He is represented by Attorneys Henry E. Davis and J. E. Lasker.

MOTHERS OUTLINE CAMPAIGN.

Philanthropic Work Will Be Extended Through Summer.

At its annual meeting yesterday afternoon the Washington branch of the Mothers' Congress outlined a campaign of philanthropic work that will extend through the summer months. The members also instructed the new officers to co-operate with Judge De Lacy in caring for delinquent children probationed by the juvenile court.

Those elected for the coming term were Mrs. A. A. Birney, president; Mrs. Gregory, first vice president; Mrs. Cuiberson, second vice president; Mrs. James H. McGill, third vice president; Mrs. J. B. Hotchkiss, secretary, and Mrs. J. Belcher, treasurer.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET TO WORK

Don't Let Your Opponents Get Too Far Ahead of You.

IT MAY BE HARD TO CATCH UP

The First Voting Period is Rapidly Drawing to Its Close.

Any one who will take the trouble to look over the list of contestants in tomorrow's issue of The Washington Herald will notice that there are any number of them who are not trying to secure votes. They are entered—that is all. They are not interested enough to even tell their friends that they are in the race. This is rank foolishness. It is merely throwing away the opportunity of a lifetime. Don't you think that, inasmuch as the vote scale will decrease after next Saturday, it would be a good idea to work hard during the rest of this week? It's ever so important, you know. Every one else will no doubt recognize this, and you don't want to be among the trailers when next Sunday's list appears. On the contrary, you should be one of the leaders.

Don't be a quitter. Show your mettle. Ask your friends and relatives to give you a year's subscription. If these subscriptions are turned in before next Saturday night at midnight, you will receive for each yearly subscription 3,000 votes; for a two years' subscription, 24,000 votes; and for a three years' subscription, 48,000 votes. Now, another thing. If you have a number of small subscriptions which, when added together, amount to \$18, or a three years' subscription, it will give you the 48,000 votes the same as if it were for three years. If there are enough of these to amount to \$50, they will be worth 90,000 votes to you.

In the country, we shall count those votes and subscriptions deposited in the post-office before 12 o'clock Saturday night as having been voted during the first voting period.

Now that this period is drawing rapidly toward the close, we can see signs of an awakening among the contestants. A great many of them are asking themselves if they have not remained idle too long and allowed their competitors to get too far ahead of them. We do not think so, though it may take some diligent work in order that they may catch these leaders. They won't feel safe until they do, and when they can finally feel easy again they will have learned a lesson which will prevent them falling so far behind again.

We have been warning you all along, and if you are one of these, you have only yourself to blame. However, you can save yourself by getting to work this week. If you will sit down and think the matter over, the chances are that you will recall some friend whom you had almost forgotten to call upon. This friend will remind you of others whom you were neglecting, and the first thing you know you will have an entirely new circle of friends to visit. It will be no end encouraging to you, and may win you the prize without further ado.

HOW VOTES WILL BE ISSUED

—IN—

THE WASHINGTON HERALD'S VOTING CONTEST.

A number of inquiries have been received regarding the scale of votes in The Washington Herald's Great Voting Contest, which leads us to believe it necessary to publish the Declining Vote Scale in each issue of this paper. Below will be found any information you may desire upon this subject.

FIRST PERIOD—From March 27 to May 1, 1909.

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6 months' subscription Daily & Sunday Herald.....	3,000	20.00
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3 years' subscription Daily & Sunday Herald.....	48,000	108.00

Daily Herald, without Sunday edition, at 40 cents per month, or \$4.80 a year. Twenty per cent less votes will be issued from the above scale.

SECOND PERIOD—From May 3 to June 15, 1909.